AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A navigation device, comprising:

an area input section for a user to input a name of a first ~~an~~ area which neighbors a destination of the user;

an area specifying section for specifying, by using map data, a second area, which is selected from among the first area whose name is inputted in the area input section, and used for a route search;

a route searching section for searching for a route leading to the second area specified in the area specifying section;~~a route searching section for searching for a route which leads the user to the area whose name is inputted in the area input section;~~

a first guidance section for providing the user with guidance, in accordance with the route found by the route searching section, so as to guide the user to the second area specified ~~whose name is inputted~~ in the area specifying ~~input~~ section;

a destination specifying section for specifying the destination by exchanging a dialogue with the user after the first guidance section starts providing the user with the guidance;~~, by exchanging a dialogue with the user, the destination after the guidance by the first guidance section starts;~~

a route selecting section for selecting a route leading to the destination specified in the destination specifying section; and

a second guidance section for providing the user with guidance in accordance with the route selected by the route selecting section so as to guide the user to the destination specified by ~~in~~ the destination specifying section.

2. (Currently Amended) The navigation device according to the claim 1, wherein the destination specifying section includes:

a question output section for generating and outputting a question to which the user responds by selecting only one of two options offered by the question; and

a response input section for the user to input therein a ~~his/her~~ response corresponding ~~with respect~~ to the question outputted by the question output section; and

the destination specifying section specifies the destination in accordance with the response inputted by the user in the response input section.

3. (Original) The navigation device according to claim 2, wherein the question output section outputs to the user the question which is generated by the question output section preferably when a traveling speed of the user is below a predetermined value.

4. (Original) The navigation device according to claim 2, wherein the question outputted by the question output section, and the response inputted into the response input section are in audio.

5. (Original) The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein

when a destination is not specified, the destination specifying section sets, after deriving a current position of the user, a temporary destination based on the area whose name is inputted in the area input section and the current position which is derived by the destination specifying section; and

the route selecting section selects a route connecting the current position to the temporary destination which is set by the destination specifying section.

6. (Currently Amended) The navigation device according to claim 5, wherein, when ~~there is~~ a plurality of representative positions are pre-assigned to the first area whose name is inputted in the area input section, the destination specifying section selects, as a temporary destination, from among the plurality of representative positions a representative position nearest to a current position of the user derived by the destination specifying section.

7. (Currently Amended) The navigation device according to the claim 5, wherein, when the route selecting section is able to execute a route selection, the destination specifying section continues to update the temporary destination until the route selecting section is able to execute the route selection.

8. (Currently Amended) The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein

when there is a plurality of representative positions pre-assigned to the first area whose name is inputted in the area input section, the route searching section searches for a route for each of the representative positions which are set in the first area whose name is inputted in the area input section,

the first guidance section provides the user with the guidance in accordance with each route found by the route searching section,

the destination specifying section specifies one of the representative positions, which are set in the first area ~~whose name is~~ inputted in the area input section, as a destination of the user, and

the route selecting section selects from among the plurality of routes found by the route searching section one route which leads the user to the destination specified by the destination specifying section.

9. (Currently Amended) The navigation device according to claim ~~9~~ 8, wherein

the destination specifying section includes:

a spot setting section for setting a spot as a spot to output a question, ~~wherein~~ the spot is determined by backing up toward the user as much as a predetermined distance from an end spot of an overlapping portion between the plurality of routes found by the route searching section, as a spot to output a question;

a question output section for outputting to the user a question at the spot set by the spot setting section; and

a response input section for the user to input a response to the question outputted by the question output section,

the destination specifying section specifies a destination of the user in accordance with the response inputted in the response input section.

10. (Currently Amended) A navigation ~~method~~ device, comprising:

an area acquisition step for acquiring in accordance with an input inputted by a user a name of a first ~~an~~ area which neighbors a destination of the user;

an area specifying step for specifying, by using map data, a second area, which is selected from the first area whose name is acquired in the area acquisition step, and used for a route search;

a route searching step for searching for a route leading to the second area specified in the area specifying step; ~~a route searching step for searching for a route which leads the user to the area whose name is acquired in the area acquisition step;~~

a first guidance step for providing the user with guidance, in accordance with the route found by ~~in~~ the route searching step, so as to guide the user to the second area specified ~~whose name is acquired~~ in the area specifying ~~acquisition~~ step;

a destination specifying step for specifying the destination by exchanging a dialogue with the user after the first guidance step starts providing the user with the guidance;~~, by exchanging a dialogue with the user, a destination of the user after the guidance by the first guidance step starts;~~

a route selecting step for selecting a route to the destination ~~which is~~ specified in the destination specifying step; and

a second guidance step for providing the user with guidance in accordance with the route selected by the route selecting step so as to guide the user to the destination specified by ~~in~~ the destination specifying step.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program for providing a ~~the~~ user with guidance so as to guide the user to a destination ~~of the user~~, comprising:

an area acquisition step for acquiring, in accordance with an input inputted by a user, a name of an area which neighbors a destination of the user;

an area specifying step for specifying, by using map data, a second area, which is selected from among the first area whose name is acquired in the area acquisition step, and used for a route search;

a route searching step for searching for a route leading ~~which leads the user~~ to the second area specified ~~whose name is acquired~~ in the area specifying ~~acquisition~~ step;

a first guidance step for providing the user with guidance, in accordance with the route found by ~~in~~ the route searching step, so as to guide the user to the second area specified ~~whose name is acquired~~ in the area specifying ~~acquisition~~ step;

a destination specifying step for specifying the destination ~~,~~ by exchanging a dialogue with the user~~, a destination of the user~~ after the ~~guidance by the~~ first guidance step starts providing the user with guidance;

a route selecting step for selecting a route leading to the destination ~~which is~~ specified in the destination specifying step; and

a second guidance step for providing the user with guidance~~,~~ in accordance with the route selected by ~~in~~ the route selecting step~~,~~ so as to guide the user to the destination ~~which is~~ specified by ~~in~~ the destination specifying step.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program according to claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein the computer program is stored in a recording medium.